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(b) how many of the patients mentioned above were attended to by the Honorary Surgeon; and

(c) whether there is a proposal before the Government to appoint a woman doctor for this hospital?

A.—(a) In-patients—24.
Out-patients—340.

(b) There is no Honorary Surgeon attached to the hospital. There is only an Honorary House Surgeon who assists in the hospital work.

(c) No.

* Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur:—"In view of the large number of patients especially women patients who attend the hospital, may I ask whether the Government will appoint an additional medical officer preferably a lady doctor to the hospital?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"I do not follow exactly whether the hon. Member wants a lady doctor or a male doctor. As regards a male doctor, there is already one doing work."

* Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur:—"May I know whether the Government are aware that the Honorary House Surgeon is not able to cope with the work, that the attendance is very large, and that, if a lady doctor is appointed, the assistant surgeon would be relieved of his heavy work and enabled to go home for his mid-day meal?" 11-15 a.m.

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"The Government are not aware that the staff is not able to cope with the work."

Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur:—"In view of the large number of women patients there, do not the Government think that a lady doctor is quite necessary?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"It is not possible to provide lady doctors for every hospital."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Depressed Classes

Inclusion of the Viswa-Brahmans in the list of depressed classes for purposes of educational and political privileges.

742 Q.—Rao Sahib Pandit GANALA RAMAMURTI: Will the Hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received a copy of the resolution adopted at the First Andhra Viswa-Brahmana Youth Conference organized at Bezwada, Kistna district, by one Mr. P. Suryanarayana with Mr. Somanath Vellatore in the chair sometime in the month of December 1932 for the inclusion of the name of this community in the list of the depressed classes in respect of educational and political privileges; and

(b) whether the Government have considered the request made in the said resolution?

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A.—(*a*) No.
(*b*) Does not arise.

Irrigation

Memorandum of the Tinnevelly District Association, dated the 21st November 1932, to the Executive Engineer, regarding the Kangayan system in the Tinnevelly district.

743 *Q.*—Mr. Daniel Thomas: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to the Kangayan system under the Gatanar river in the Tinnevelly district—

(*a*) whether the report that was called for by the Government in regard to the grievances set out in a memorandum of the Tinnevelly District Association presented to the Executive Engineer on 21st November 1932, has been received;

(*b*) what action, if any, has been taken with reference to the matters disclosed in the report; and

(*c*) whether the report will be placed on the table of the House?

A.—(*a*) Yes.
(*b*) A further report has been called for from the Board of Revenue.
(*c*) This will be considered after the Board's further report has been received.

Resolution passed by the Tinnevelly District Conference on 21st January 1934 regarding the kudimaramat.

744 *Q.*—Mr. Daniel Thomas: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to resolution No. XVI about kudimaramat passed by the Tinnevelly District Conference on 21st January 1934; and

(*b*) if so, what action the Government have taken regarding the resolution?

A.—(*a*) Yes.
(*b*) None.

Land Revenue Administration

Representations against the imposition of revised water-rates and the reclassification of irrigation sources in Tanjore.

745 *Q.*—Mr. G. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that repeated representations have been made from the Tanjore district and the Presidency Ryotwari Conference held at Madras on 27th January 1934 that it is just and proper that—

(i) G.O. No. 1853, dated 5th September 1932, directing levy of new and heavy water-rates rising up to Rs. 21–4–0 per acre;

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(ii) G.O. No. 474, dated 15th March 1933, directing an imposition of a flat water-rate of Rs. 7–8–0 per acre on second-crop lands; and

(iii) G.O. No. 1238, Revenue, dated 14th July 1933, reclassifying the irrigation sources in the Tanjore district and increasing the rate of land revenue on the major portion of the wet lands in that district by more than one rupee per acre, should be cancelled; and

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to take action thereon; and, if so, what action?

A.—(a) & (b) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to question No. 737.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

III.—ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE FOR 1934–35, TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR 1934–35 AND TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE MADRAS AND SOUTHERN MAHRATTA RAILWAY COMPANY.

* The Hon. Sir HOPETOUN STOKES:—" Sir, I beg to move—

'*that, with a view to the constitution of a Committee on Public Accounts for the financial year* 1934–35, *this Council do proceed, on a date to be fixed by the Hon. the President, to elect seven members to be members of the said Committee*'."

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" I second it."

The motion was put and carried.

* The Hon. Sir HOPETOUN STOKES:—" Sir, I beg to move—

'*that, in accordance with resolution No. 2 passed at the meeting of the Legislative Council on the 8th August* 1929 *regarding the constitution of the Finance Committee, this Council do proceed, on a date to be fixed by the Hon. the President, to elect eight members to be members of the Finance Committee for the financial year* 1934–35'."

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR:—" I second it."

The motion was put and carried.

The Hon. Sir HOPETOUN STOKES:—" Sir, I beg to move—

'*that with reference to G.O. No.* 55, *Railway, dated* 10*th December* 1923, *this Council do recommend to the Government to communicate to the Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway Company the names of two persons elected by this Council in accordance with the arrangements made in that behalf by the Hon. the President to sit on the Advisory Committee of the said Railway after* 31*st March* 1934 *when the term of office of the present members of the Committee will expire*'."